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STRIKE THREAT IN GENERAL MOTORS

Flint, Michigan, To-day.
A general strike by 200,000 employees of General Motors Corporation, which would bring to a halt about half the total production of motor-cars in the United States, is threatened in a resolution adopted at a conference of Trade Union delegates from all the General Motors' factories at a meeting here.—Reuter.

ALLEGED FIRING ON TAI TSANG

Japanese Warships Involved?

Nanking, To-day.
Enquiries made in local Japanese circles failed to confirm the alarming Chinese rumours that 10 Japanese warships had on January 2 swept the shore at Tai Tsang, in eastern Kiangsu, with machine-gun fire for half an hour before sailing up river. It was, however, suggested that the warships might have been conducting "target practice" or were retaliating after having been fired on.—Reuter.

EAST SUYUAN TENSION

Bandits Reorganised And Well Equipped

Canton, To-day.
The situation in East Suyuan has again become critical. It is reported that the Mongol-Manchurian bandits under Prince Teh and Li Shou-suen have been reorganised and fully equipped by the foreigners at Shanghai. It is expected that they will shortly launch another offensive on the eastern frontiers of the province. General Fu Tso-yi, Pacification Commissioner for Suyuan, instructed Divisional Commanders Tang Yan-pak and Pan Yuk-pin to go back to the front on Sunday.—Our Own Correspondent.

GEN. HO COMING SOUTH

Canton, To-day.—General Ho Ying-ching, the War Minister, has cabled to Loh Chuk-ying, Commander of the 18th Army, that

AUSTRALIA 97 FOR 5 WARD'S COURAGEOUS INNINGS

WICKET RAPIDLY IMPROVING

Commencing the day with three runs on the board for the loss of one wicket, Australia were 62 for 3 at lunch in the third Test. Shortly afterwards, however, another message came in to the effect that the score was then 97 for 5—221 runs ahead of England.

Ward, a tail-ender, played a courageous innings for his 18 runs, scored out of 38 in 68 minutes, defending stubbornly to gain valuable time on a wicket which was showing signs of rapid improvement.

Melbourne, To-day.

A crowd of 4,000 were present in cloudy and bleak weather. The wicket has vastly improved, but is probably still capable of eccentricities.

Voc started a day of thrills when he dismissed Fleetwood-Smith with the third ball of the day, the Australian left-hand googly bowler playing a protective stroke to a high-kicking delivery and being caught by Verity at backward point, 3-2-0.

Although the Englishmen were on their toes in the field, the score steadily increased, both batsmen striving desperately to survive the critical period before lunch.

The pair added 32 runs before Ward was caught by Hardstaff at deep mid-off, Verity being the successful bowler, 38-3-18.

Ward, who was attempting a big hit, had played a courageous innings lasting 68 minutes.

Brown then joined Riggs and the 50 was hoisted after 38 minutes, the weather then being overcast. The pair were together at the lunch interval, which was taken with the score at 62 for 3, Riggs being 27 and Brown 13.

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he will come down to Canton in the course of the next few days to direct the national defence of South China, and assume his post concurrently as the Director of the Whampoa Headquarters.—Our Own Correspondent.

Test Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA—1ST INNS.
J. H. Fingleton, c Sims, b Robins 35
W. A. Brown, c Ames, b Voc 1
D. G. Bradman, c Robins, b Verity 13
E. E. Riggs, c Verity, b Allen 16
S. J. McCabe, c Worthington, b

Voc 63
L. Darling, c Allen, b Verity 20
M. W. Sievers, st Ames, b Robins 1
W. A. Oldfield, not out 27
W. J. O'Reilly, c Sims, b Hammond 4
F. Ward, st Ames, b Hammond 10
Extras 10

Total (for 9 wks. dec.) 200
L. O'Brien, Fleetwood-Smith did not bat.

Fall of the wickets: 1 (Brown) for 7; 2 (Bradman) for 33; 3 (Riggs) for 69; 4 (Fingleton) for 79; 5 (Darling) for 122; 6 (Sievers) for 130; 7 (McCabe) for 183; 8 (O'Reilly) for 190; 9 (Ward) for 200.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Voc 18 3 35 0
Allen 12 2 35 1
Sims 9 1 35 0
Verity 14 4 24 2
Riggs 7 0 31 2
Hammond 53 0 16 2

ENGLAND—1ST INNS.
Worthington, c Bradman, b McCabe 0
Cabe 0
Barnett, c Darling, b Sievers 11
Hammond, c Darling, b Sievers 32
Leyland, c Darling, b O'Reilly 17
Sims, c Brown, b Sievers 2
Ames, b Sievers 0
R. W. V. Robins, c O'Reilly, b Sievers 0
Hardstaff, b O'Reilly 0
C. O. Allen, not out 0
Verity, c Brown, b O'Reilly 0
Voc, not out 0
Extras 7

Total (for 9 wks. dec.) 76
Fall of the wickets: 1 (Worthington) for 0; 2 (Barnett) for 14; 3 (Leyland) for 56; 4 (Hammond) for 68; 5 (Sims) for 71; 6 (Robins) for 71; 7 (Ames) for 76; 8 (Hardstaff) for 76; (Verity) for 76.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
McCabe 2 1 7 1
Sievers 11 2 5 21 5
O'Reilly 12 5 28 3
Fleetwood-Smith 3 1 13 0

AUSTRALIA—2ND INNS.
W. J. O'Reilly, c and b Voc 0
L. O'Brien, Fleetwood-Smith, c Verity 0
b Voc 0
F. Ward, c Hardstaff, b Verity 18
K. E. Riggs, not out 27
W. A. Brown, not out 13
Extras 4

Total (for 3 wks.) 62
Fall of the wickets: 1 (O'Reilly) for 0; 2 (Fleetwood-Smith) for 3; 3 (Ward) for 38.



Their Majesties the King and Queen, then the Duke and Duchess of York, are here shown in this radiophoto from London as they entered their car outside their Piccadilly home accompanied by the cheers of sympathisers who had gathered in the crisis last month.

MEDITERRANEAN AGREEMENT

TEXT OF ANGLO-ITALIAN PACT

DECLARATION NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY OTHER POWER

London, To-day.
The text of the declaration which was signed in Rome last Saturday by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Drummond, concerning assurances with regard to the Mediterranean, reads as follows:
"His Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom and the Italian Government, animated by a desire to contribute increasingly to the interests of a better and general peace and the security and betterment of relations between them, and between all Mediterranean Powers, are resolved to respect the rights and the interests of those Powers, recognising that freedom of entry and exit and transit through the Mediterranean is of vital interest both to the different parts of the British Empire and to Italy, and that these interests are in no wise inconsistent with each other.
"The British and Italian Governments disclaim any desire to modify or, as far as they are concerned, to see modified, the present status quo regarding national sovereignty of territory in the Mediterranean area.

FRENCH PLANE SHOT DOWN

MYSTERY SOLVED BY REFUGEE

EXECUTION PHOTOGRAPHS BEING CARRIED

Paris, To-day.

The mystery surrounding the alleged shooting-down of an aeroplane belonging to the French Embassy at Madrid, as it was departing from the City, has been cleared up by a statement made by a Spanish refugee physician to the Echo de Paris.

In addition to the pilot, the plane was carrying the representative of the International Red Cross M. de Hery, who a few days before had succeeded in obtaining photographs of the mass execution of 1,500 Spanish ex-Army officers who had been "lured" to the Ministry of the Interior on the pretext that their pensions were to be adjusted and paid. Once there they were massacred. According to statements in

DANGER OF CLASH WITH GERMANY

NO SUBMISSION TO PRESSURE

GERMAN ADMIRAL'S NOTE IGNORED

Valencia, To-day.
In the face of the "extraordinary gravity" of the situation caused by German warships seizing Spanish vessels, the Spanish Government has decided to "take necessary diplomatic steps," says an official communique.

After referring to a radio message from the German Admiral commanding in Spanish waters, in which it is stated the s.s. Aragon will be released when the passenger and the cargo of the German vessel s.s. Palos are given up, the communique says that the Government has decided not to submit to the German Admiral's pressure, and will not even reply to his message, which is couched in terms improper for communication with the Government of a sovereign state.

"In the face of these events the Spanish Government's view that the danger of a clash is increasing appears to be fully confirmed if the causes of these disputes are not speedily removed, and the Government fears that the consequences may be irreparable."
Madrid: The British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Ogilvie Forbes, together with the British Military Attaché and the Embassy staff, left yesterday morning for Valencia, where the British Embassy in Spain will henceforth function. The Vice-Consul will remain in Madrid in the meantime.

Berlin: According to a communique issued by the German News Agency here yesterday, the Spanish steamer Aragon will not be released until the arrested passenger of the Palos is free and the confiscated part of the cargo is returned.

Meanwhile the entire German Press continues to voice the greatest indignation for the alleged anti-German acts committed by the Government forces in Spain and calls for more stringent reprisals by the German Government.

Gibraltar: According to unconfirmed reports received here, over 5,000 Italian troops have landed at Cadiz during the past three days from Italian warships. They immediately entered for Seville, halting at Jerez en route, where they received an enthusiastic welcome from the rebel authorities, being lavishly entertained before proceeding on their journey.—Reuter.

OBITUARY

MR. G. H. POTTS PASSES

"FATHER OF THE HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE"

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the passing of Mr. George Hutton Potts, Chairman of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, who passed away at Swatow this morning following a chill caught while out on a shooting trip and which unfortunately developed into pleurisy.
The Hong Kong Stock Exchange and the Hong Kong Share-brokers' Association have suspended business to-day as a mark of respect.
On Wednesday last, in response to a telegram, Dr. G. D. R. Black and a nurse went up to Swatow to attend the late Mr. Potts, while Professor Gerrard, of the Hong Kong University, followed later. Mr. Potts' son Jack, on learning of his father's serious condition, also proceeded to Swatow.
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"FEARLESS UNTO DEATH"

SGT. SLATER LAID TO REST

Shanghai, To-day.
A hero's funeral was given the late Sergeant E. M. Slater, of the Shanghai Municipal Police Force, who was killed by Chinese gangsters following a raid on New Year's Eve. The funeral was one of the

RED SETBACKS IN SPAIN

Southern Nationalist Army Continues Advance

NEW COMMUNICATIONS ESTABLISHED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Salamanca, To-day.

The troops of the Southern Nationalist Army have continued their advance and yesterday occupied the town of Abeymear to establish communications between

Palencia and Valladolid.

In the Vienna de Granada sector, the Nationalist cavalry detachment from Cogollos Vega, in the province of Granada, made a surprise attack on the Reds and captured a considerable amount of war material.

In the Coria sector troops of the second Nationalist brigade successfully repulsed a Red counter-attack, disabling two tanks by accurate gunfire.

The attacking Reds are stated to have suffered serious casualties. The Sixth Nationalist Division repelled an attack made by Reds in the northern part of the province of Burgos and inflicted great losses on the latter, while the Nationalist Air Force contributed towards the success of the Southern Army by engaging in an action fought in the vicinity of Vittoria, where the Reds were likewise defeated.—Trans-Ocean Service.

most impressive and one of the biggest attended for many months.

A thousand members from the Shanghai Municipal Police, the French Police and the British Military units marched in the procession route, which was lined by immense silent crowds, prominent among the official mourners being the British Consul-General, Sir John Brennan, and Lady Brennan.

Six Canadian comrades of the deceased acted as the pallbearers. A Chinese Police Detachment carried a large white banner inscribed with the words "Fearless unto death" in English and in Chinese.—Reuter.

DESPERATE SITUATION IN MADRID

POPULATION AT MERCY OF RED RULERS

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Salamanca, To-day.

The desperate situation now prevailing in Madrid is described in an eye-witness's report by a Red Militiaman who deserted to the Nationalists.

The deserter declares that the respectable section of the Madrid population are absolutely at the mercy of their Red rulers, who are employing every form of chicanery.

During an air raid alarm only such persons are permitted to seek refuge in the stations and tunnels of the underground railways who are in possession of special permits issued by the Red authorities.

Such permits, however, according to the Red deserter, are only granted to persons who have gained the Red rulers' favours by the payment of bribes, and those who cannot afford to spend money on this privilege are forced to seek shelter in the cellars of their houses, which naturally afford insufficient protection.

The foreign criminal elements which have congregated in the capital are stated to be virtual masters of the streets and envi-

STOP PRESS

Melbourne, To-day.—Riggs, lbw., b Sims 47; Brown, c Barnett, b Voc 20; Fingleton, not out 15; Bradman, not out 28. Total 149 for 5 at tea.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone continues to move eastward, and pressure is highest over the Sea of Japan. The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory, this morning, was north-east winds; fresh; fair.



Sporting Page



NORTHERN CRITICISM OF ENGLAND F.A. TEAM SELECTORS

AUSTRALIA LOOK SET FOR VICTORY

BATTLE OF WITS BETWEEN ALLEN AND BRADMAN

BRILLIANT LOCAL BOWLING FEATS

(By "Adrem")

THE Third Test match at Melbourne has apparently developed into a battle of wits between G. O. Allen and Don Bradman. The latter won the toss and elected to bat on a soft wicket in sunny weather that gave promise of being of assistance later on to spin bowlers. This must have been most apparent as Bradman, on McCormick's injury recurring, brought Sievers back into the side and actually fielded an eleven with no bowler faster than McCabe.

Following several delays on account of rain, Australia declared with their total at 200 for nine, McCabe and Fingleton being the only batsmen to do anything of note. England batted on what was evidently a "brute" of a wicket and the opposition slow bowlers played such havoc with them that nine wickets fell for only 76 runs. Sievers and O'Reilly took 5 for 21 and 3 for 28 respectively. Allen then declared in the hope of capturing a few quick wickets before stumps were drawn, but Bradman sent in his tail-enders to lose only O'Reilly.

PROMISING INTERPORT HOCKEY TRIAL

Navy Produce New "Find"

PLAYERS TO MEET WASEDA UNIVERSITY SELECTED

(By "ADREM")

The Men's Interport hockey trial at King's Park yesterday morning was very fast throughout and was featured by some exceptionally fine forward movements in the first-half, when Colours entirely dominated the play.

The Navy produced a "dark horse" in the person of Lt. Thornhill, and so well did he play that he has been awarded a place in the Interport side.

Colours were on the attack from the outset, and shortly after the commencement Thornhill shot at goal and Cox had the misfortune to deflect the ball into the net. Shortly after, Donald, on the right-wing, made a brilliant run and centred beautifully for Thornhill to net with a brilliant first-throw. From the bully-off, a short-passing movement between the inside forwards resulted in Pyra Singh scoring a fine goal to place Colours three goals up. Thornhill added the fourth, due to another deflection by Cox, and shortly after Wraith scored White's first point. At the interval, Colours had a 4 goals to 1 lead.

Probables Outshone

Several positional changes were then made, and the second half proved to be far more even. Wraith scoring the only goal shortly before the finish.

The Probable forward line was completely outshone by the opposition attack, led in an able manner by Pyra Singh. Thornhill and Holdsworth were especially prominent on the left-wing and were much better than the highly fancied Nerrin Singh—Parthab wing.

Pyra Singh Shines

Pyra Singh was much better than Wright, while there was not much to choose between the right-wingers, both Fowler and Donald displaying fine turns of speed and good centering, although the former was rather inclined to hang on to the ball too long.

Both intermediate lines fiddled in robust, rather than skilful tactics, but W. A. Reed, though not so good as usual, led his forwards with some nice passes. Guest

Australia are now 127 runs on and, with the wicket apparently cutting up very badly, should just about win if they can set England 250 runs to score in the fourth innings.

No senior League matches were played on Saturday although there was a heavy Second Division programme. In the Triangular Tournament, the Navy, with victory and the championship in their grasp, lost an exciting match to the Club by 14 runs. The latter were dismissed for a meagre 94 and in reply the Navy had scored 66 for 2, when Alec Pearce and R. L. D. Wodehouse got among the wickets and dismissed the remaining eight batsmen for only 14 runs. Pearce took 4 for 4, while Wodehouse's figures were 4 for 6!

The junior League was chiefly featured by brilliant bowling feats, several amazing analyses being recorded.

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FANLING HUNT CLUB'S MEET

Large Attendance

There was a most gratifying turn-out of followers of the Fanling Hounds at the meet which took place yesterday afternoon at Patterson's Bungalow, all of whom obviously enjoyed both the exercise and the sport. Yesterday's field was one of the biggest recorded since the season started and the line of riders was well stretched out at the finish.

Among those who attended were Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Swinburne, Mrs. Coltart, Mrs. Rybot, Mrs. McAvoy, Miss Smalley, Mrs. Hayden, Captain Requeen, Lieutenant Henriques, Mr. Bosanquet, Mr. Marson, and Captain Clarke.

and Cox both played well at full-back, but the former was rather inclined to dally instead of clearing.

Fifteen Players Selected

The Colony Interport hockey team to meet the Waseda University eleven next Saturday will be selected from the following:

U. B. Souza (Argonauts) (Goal); A. E. P. Guest (Radio), Edm. Cox (East Lancs), and E. L. Gosane (Argonauts) (Full-backs); Lt. Comdr. McCoy (Navy), W. A. Reed (Nob), M. H. Hassan (Radio) and J. Gosalves (Argonauts) (Half-backs); Lt. Donald (Navy), Lt. Wright (Navy), Lt. Wraith (Navy), Pyra Singh (K.I.T.C.), Lt. Thornhill (Navy), Nerrin Singh (Kumson Rifles) and Parthab (Kumson Rifles) (Forwards).



Miss Iris Woolley, left, gave a fine exhibition in last Saturday's Ladies' Interport hockey trial and stands a good chance of making the Colony Interport team. Miss Marion Bryson, right, the former Colony and C.R.A. Ladies' centre-half, will be badly missed in the pivotal position. She is at present in England.



YACHTING

Navy Beat Club In All-Day Event

BUT CIVILIANS STILL HOLD LEAD

Yesterday's all-day event between the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and the Royal Navy resulted in the Navy scoring 82 points, 49 in the morning and 33 in the afternoon, while the Yacht Club scored 76 points, 30 in the morning and 46 in the afternoon.

In the previous match the Yacht Club led by 87 points to 69, so, over the two days, they still lead by 163 points to 151.

Rear Admiral C. G. Sedgwick was officer of the day and Chief Yeoman of Signals F. J. Jones was official time keeper.

Morning Race

The course of the morning race over a distance of 6 miles was: Club Line West to East, Quarry Bay Mark (P), Holts Wharf Mark (S), North Mark on Line (P), Tamar Line.

R.H.K.Y.C.	
Yacht Helmsman Observer Pts.	
Y1 M. I. de Ville, Lt. Comdr. W. H. Graves	9
A4 S. C. Manning, Lt. R. M. E. Pain	3
A2 H. S. Rouse, Rear Adm. C. G. Sedgwick	11
A1 N. V. A. Crocker, Lt. Comdr. E. L. Woodhall	4
A10 H. J. Pearce, Lt. C. S. F. Robinson	2
A12 J. R. Berge, Copeland, Comdr. G. Barnard	1
Total	30

Royal Navy	
Y3 Lt. W. A. Stewart, C. T. Davis	13
A5 Comdr. D. P. Cather, C. C. Blake	6
A7 Lt. R. T. Gardiner, D. Allan	10
A9 Midshipman G. F. Russell, J. Johnson	7
A11 Mid. Moore, E. Cock	8
A14 Lt. J. E. Moore, T. C. Fairburn	5
Total	49

Afternoon Race

Preparatory Gun 14.55, Starting Gun 15.00.

The course over a distance of 5.2 miles was: Tamar Line West to East, Holts Wharf Mark (S), Channel Rocks Mark (S), Club Line (S).

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"VERDICTS"

CHAN TAK-FAI FAILS WITH VITAL SHOT

Sandford Injured In Last Game

NAVY SHOULD WIN SECOND DIVISION

(By "ROVER")

Weakened through the absence of Wilson, Fleming, Brown and Hynes, the Club's senior team cut a sorry picture in their Senior League encounter against the East Lancs, on Saturday and were beaten by three clear goals.

From the players promoted to the senior team only Millington was of any real use to the team. P. Wilson, who played on the left wing, was fast, but he was very poor at centering.

Sandford, the East Lancs' inside-right, who played his last game on Saturday, was the source of most worry, until he was injured following a collision with Hill.

Improving Every Game

Bowen, the Kowloon left-back, is improving with every game and was largely responsible for Kowloon sharing the points with Eastern. His robust tackling had an unsettling effect on the Eastern forwards.

Chan Bing-to, Eastern's right-winger, was in the best of form last Saturday; had the inside forwards been up with him several goals might have been scored. As it was, only Chan Yue-ting was up with him, and he had hard luck on two occasions.

No Forward Line

The Police have not yet been able to find a good forward line and this is the main reason for their lowly position in the table. Manning, in goal, played well, and so did Britain, who played in place of Bone, at left-back.

The Fusiliers were unlucky not to secure both points from South China "B", though they had most of the game. Talbot has regained some of his old form and on Saturday was seen in many fine movements, though he was not fully supported.

The game was marred by a display of temper and two or three players had to be cautioned. The Chinese equalised through a penalty, and Chan Tak-fai should have placed his side in the lead soon after, but he missed a "sitter" in the closing minutes of the game.

It is evident that the Navy are bent on winning the Second Division again this season. The team has not been changed, in

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A WORLD'S SCULLING RACE?

Bob Pearce, the world's professional sculling champion and former holder of the Olympic Games and Empire Games titles, is willing to return to Australia to defend his world title against the Australian champion, Alf Barnas. Pearce is an Australian by birth, but he has been living in Canada for the last six years.

MEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH GAME

SOUTH AMATEURS GET TOO MANY CAPS

PROFESSIONALS PASSED OVER

London, December 9.

THERE has long been dissatisfaction in the North with the results achieved by the England team in the international championship and in matches abroad. It is felt that these do not reflect the true merits of English professional football, which has many more experienced players at its command than any of the countries it meets.

Consequently, there is general support among Football League clubs for the proposal to be debated on Monday by the F. A. Council that the International Selection Committee shall be overhauled. That is why the North would like to see carried the proposal of Mr. W. W. Heard, of Middlesex, that a special amateur international selection committee shall be appointed to look after the amateurs' interests.

It is felt that, if this happens, choice of the professional teams will be left in the hands of the five Football League Management Committee members who are F. A. selectors—Messrs. F. W. Rinder, C. E. Sutcliffe, W. C. Cuff, W. I. Bassett, and P. Bach—and this would bring international and inter-League team building virtually into the same hands.



Miss E. M. Gray, above, played herself into the Hong Kong Ladies' Interport hockey team to meet the Shanghai Ladies by her sterling display in last Saturday morning's trial game at King's Park.

WEEK-END RESULTS FROM FANLING

G. M. Young Cup And Stubbs Shield

The following are the latest results in the Stubbs Shield and G. M. Young Cup golf competitions at Fanling over the past week-end:

Stubbs Shield (2nd Round):—Education Department beat Gibb Livingstone and Co. 3 and 2. Harbour Office beat Harry Wicking and Co. at the 19th.

H.M.S. Cornflower beat Butterfield and Swire's.

G. M. Young Cup (2nd Round):—Doddwell and Co. beat Lowe, Singham and Mathew.

Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. beat Asiatic Petroleum Co. after a tie. On this occasion, it was decided, if necessary, to decide the match by the number of holes difference, and it was found necessary.

Butterfield and Swire's beat Standard Vacuum Oil Co.

Captain's Cup (2nd Round):—G. S. Chamber (20) beat D. L. Probert (12) at the 19th.

A. V. Greaves (20) beat G. A. Stewart (15) 7 and 6.

SHANGHAI'S BIG RUGBY LOSS

Slain Policeman Was Star Threequarter

Shanghai Rugby suffered a very severe loss through the death of Sergeant E. M. Slater, of the Shanghai Municipal Police Force, who was shot dead by Chinese gangsters following a raid on an office.

Slater played for the Shanghai Rugby Football Club against the visiting Meiji University fifteen on Christmas Day, when he came

Of 47 county associations, 24 have notified Mr. Heard of their support and 17 have not yet replied. The Selection Committee, however, oppose the change. They have underlined one of their objections and say the new plan "might tend to create a fissure in the structure of the F. A. Council, a result to be averted at all costs."

Where Is It?

Where is this earthquake? Surely this change is not regarded as the thin end of a wedge between amateur and professional football, when all these amateur associations want it and the main body of the Football League clubs as well.

The Selection Committee point out in their circular how well their amateur teams have fared in the last 15 matches, but the North is looking at the last 15 professional results—eight wins and six defeats, including two losses to Wales and others abroad to Belgium, Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Further, England's record in the international championship since the war is inferior to that of Scotland and Wales, the title in the last 17 seasons having been won seven times by Scotland, five times by Wales and only twice by England, who, however, have three times shared the honour with Scotland.

Out Of Touch

In a word, the North takes the view that the Selection Committee of 11 (plus two ex-officio members) contains too many men out of touch with professional football.

As to Northern players in amateur internationals, there has been a grievance for years, that the South receives too many caps because the limited number of selectors in touch with amateur football are nearly all Southerners. A greater effort, however, has been made of late to spread the net, and in the last two seasons there have never been fewer than three players from the provinces in England's amateur eleven.

That dissatisfaction still exists is shown by the fact that Yorkshire Amateurs, one of the chief Northern clubs, joined with Middlesex Wanderers in bringing the issue to a head Monday's debate, looks like being the liveliest for some time. How it will end no one knows.

into the limelight by scoring an opportune try, while later, playing for a Combined Shanghai side against the Japanese "Varsity," he also distinguished himself with a fine display on the left touchline. He was a certainty for the Shanghai Interport team to meet Hong Kong next Chinese New Year.



W. A. Reed, above, probably the finest and most consistent hockey player in the Colony, has been selected for the pivot position in the Colony team to meet the Waseda University team.

BADMINTON TO BE RESUMED THIS EVENING

CHINESE "Y" DEBUT IN "A" DIVISION

S. A. RUMJAHN WILL PLAY FOR V.R.C.

The Men's Doubles Badminton League will be resumed to-night, when the Chinese Y.M.C.A., who have recently been promoted to the "A" Division, entertain Club de Recreio "B" at Bridges Street. The Chinese "Y" have proved themselves a formidable combination in the "B" Division, but will be severely tested in to-night's match.

The University's "A" and "B" teams will make their debut in the League this season by entertaining St. Andrew's "A" and visiting Recreio "A" respectively. The "A" team will, undoubtedly, beat St. Andrew's "A", but the holders of the championship should beat the "B" team at King's Park.

At Causeway Bay, the Chinese Recreation Club are hosts to the Free Lances, who will probably just manage to win three games.

Junior Division

Three fixtures will be decided in the "B" Division. Kowloon Tong "A" are guests to their "B" team and should win easily, while St. John's will suffer another defeat when they encounter King's College at Bonham Road.

The Victoria Recreation Club, who have been steadily improving, should be able to beat St. Andrew's "B" at the latter's Church Hall. S. A. Rumjahn, who has not yet turned out for the V.R.C. this season, will be playing to-night.

The following are the University teams:

University "A": K. S. Liew and P. K. Chan; T. C. Lee and C. H. Soan; and P. E. Tan and P. K. Hui. University "B": K. L. Hui and K. L. Tong; S. C. Ty and K. S. Lim; A. K. Phang and M. P. Tong or H. P. Ong.

TO-NIGHT'S MATCHES

University "A" v St. Andrew's "A"
Recreio "A" v University "B"
C.R.C. v Free Lances
Chinese "Y" v Recreio "B"

K. Tong "B" v K. Tong "A"

King's College v St. John's

V.R.C. v St. Andrew's "B"

ARMY DEFEAT K.C.C. AT CRICKET

Lt. Murphy Six Short Of Century

At Cor's Path yesterday, the Army trounced the Kowloon Cricket Club by 121 runs in their friendly one-day cricket match, the feature of the encounter being the fine knock of 94 by Lieut. Murphy, which included 12 boundaries and a six, while C. S. M. Elvin also played an important part in their win, scoring 40, including six boundaries and taking six K.C.C. wickets for 26 runs.

Army—208 for 7 dec. (C. S. M. Elvin 40, Lt. Murphy 94; Lt. C. C. Gerthwin 29 not out; B. D. Lay 5 for 53). K.C.C.—87 (N. A. E. Mackay 26, C. S. M. Elvin 6 for 26, Lt. Fritchard 2 for 13, Lt. Gerthwin 2 for 21).



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FOOTBALL MATCH TO-DAY

Referees Meet Press At Sookunpoo

An interesting soccer match will be held on the Sookunpoo military football ground to-day, by kind permission of the H. K. Area Sports Board, between the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association and the European Press, kick-off at 4 p.m. sharp.

The following are the teams:—
H. K. Referees: E. G. Lacey; T. Payne and E. Richardson; Sergt. Osborne, S. McCormack and D. W. Ellis; A. E. Clark, H. Richards, T. Casson, P. K. Jones and H. T. Smythe.
European Press: A. N. Othier; (Goalkeeper); R. Goldman (China Mail) (Right-back) and G. W. Giffen (S.C. Morning Post) (Left-back); S. Hammet (H.K. Daily Press) (Right-half); A. M. Omar (S.C. Morning Post) (Centre-half) and A. R. Markar (H.K. Daily Press) (Left-half); N. A. E. Mackay (China Mail) (Right-wing); G. C. Burnett (China Mail) (Inside-right); M. R. Abbas (S.C. Morning Post) (Centre-forward); S. A. Gray (H.K. Telegraph) (Inside-left) and J. Marques (H.K. Daily Press) (Left-wing).

LEO PHILLIPS FOR AMERICA

Leo Phillips, the Birmingham welter-weight, has been offered two fights in America by Mr. Jimmy Johnston, the Madison Square Garden matchmaker, and is to sail for the States in the New Year.

"VERDICTS"

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Frayed Tempers

Spice of the movements of ships. Spencer, Stone and Johnson are good enough for the senior team, but they have not been promoted yet.

K. Juniors Improve

The Kowloon juniors have been doing well recently and their decisive win over Eastern does not really give them full credit for their superiority. Betts is in fine shooting form while Hardcourt, in the pivotal position, distributed well.

The Club did well to hold the East Lanes to a solitary goal at the interval in their Second Division match, but they collapsed after to concede three more goals. Stevens, in goal, gave a good performance and Milne was the only dangerous Club forward.

Keneghan On Hop

Manhipp, the Fusiliers' Third Division goalkeeper, is one of the most promising players in the Junior Division. He showed good anticipation in dealing with shots from the Medicals last Saturday. Keneghan seems to have fully recovered from his injury and appears to have regained all his former confidence. He is now the mainstay of the Fusilier defence in the Third Division.

Lyemum did well to beat the Engineers by three clear goals. The latter were weakened by the absence of Howlett and Boyling. Langworth and Percival, two newcomers, were largely responsible for the gunners' win.



Providing that he can obtain the necessary leave, A. H. R. Butcher, above, is a certainty for the Interport Rugby match against Shanghai in the northern city, during the Chinese New Year holidays this month.

AUSTRALIA LOOK SET FOR VICTORY

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Army "B", as was generally expected, trounced the Civil Service on the C.S.C.C. ground. The latter Club batted first and were dismissed for 92 runs, Shipp and Moreton being chiefly responsible, the former taking 4 for 25 and the latter 3 for 24. The Army side then ran up a total of 160 for 4 wickets, principal contributors being Cpl. Wateridge, 48 not out, and L/Cpl. Moore 51.

Kowloon Cricket Club, who together with Army "B" are the strongest contenders for championship honours, beat Army "C" by 4 wickets. W. C. Hung and F. I. Zimmerman, who for years have figured in the Kowloon first eleven, turned out in this match and, although Hung did not meet with any success, Zimmerman captured 4 wickets for 29 runs. Army "C" assisted by C. S. M. Elvin, batted first and were dismissed for exactly 100. Pte. Dickson being top-scorer with 30. K.C.C. did not then have matters all their own way, losing six wickets before they won the match. Baxter was again to the fore and was top-scorer with 29, Baldwin and Broadbridge compiled 26 and 28 respectively. Carter and Davies bowled well for the losers.

At Pokfulam, the Hong Kong Cricket Club juniors scored as easy victory over the University by 7 wickets. Stoker continued to show fine form with the ball and was chiefly responsible for the under-graduates being dismissed for 51 runs. He returned the excellent figures of

O. M. R. W.
11.3 5 20 7

Symons and Soares were the only batsmen to reach double figures, and the Club then went on to make 170 for 9, P. C. Frost, who made 76 before retiring, being top-scorer.

Craigengower unexpectedly lost to Club de Recreio, C. Marques being in deadly form with the ball to capture 7 wickets for 15 runs. Recreio scored the 53 necessary runs for the loss of one wicket, Reed being top-scorer with 32.

The game between the Navy seconds and the Police provided a most exciting finish, the latter just succeeding in passing their opponents' score before time. E.R.A. Triggs played a fine innings for the losers and scored 74 before being dismissed. B. G. Baker maintained his consistent form to capture 4 wickets for 29 runs.

Army "A" were dismissed for 56 runs at Sookunpoo in their game against last year's champions, but the soldiers were not

SOUTH CHINA SURPRISED BY ST. JOSEPH'S

Lee Wai-tong Held By Hussian

RIFLES TAKE LEAD IN RACE FOR PREMIER TITLE

South China "A" received another setback in their quest for the First Division Football Championship when they were defeated at Sookunpoo by St. Joseph's by the odd goal in three in a game that was featured by robust tackling.

The Chinese were without Lee Ting-sang, Tam Kong-pak and Fung King-cheung, but Lee Wai-tong turned out for them.

O. M. Omar played on the right wing for the Saints, while G. White, formerly of Kowloon, filled the inside-right berth.

Hussian, the Saints' pivot, played a great game, holding Lee Wai-tong in check throughout. Lai Shui Wing, was, as usual, very tricky, but he received little or no support from Tao Kwai-shing.

Marques Exceeds

The good goal-keeping of Marques for the Saints was the outstanding feature of the game. He showed rare anticipation in leaving his charge and, though kept busy, played very well.

Hagan contributed to his team's success by playing a fourth half game and in the latter stages was seldom seen up with the forwards. He was content when he had the ball to clear to the wingers or to Leonard.

The Saints took the lead through Leonard, who received a neat centre from Omar, but not long after Lai Shui-wing equalised with a first-time. Fernandes placed the ball into the net while the Chinese were appealing for a goal-kick.

Rifles Take Lead

The Rifles advanced to the head of the First Division table by defeating the Athletic by the odd goal in three at Caroline Hill.

The Chinese were re-informed by the inclusion of Tang Kwong-sum, who had been transferred from the Kowloon Chinese. The Rifles took some time to settle down and Campbell, Ferguson and Moore were the outstanding players in their team.

The outstanding player in the Chinese team was Tang Kwong-sum, in the outside-right position. He centred well and was the cause of most anxiety to the soldiers. The Chinese took the lead through Cheong Moon-wing, but the Rifles equalised soon after through Moore. In the second half Tam Kwan-kon deflected Steven's spot kick for a corner and Miller scored from the centre.



dismayed and skittled out the Indians for only 35 runs to win a thrilling encounter. Some amazing bowling analyses were returned. For the I.R.C., A. M. Bann-jahn took 6 for 21 and Baker had 3 for 18, while Cpl. Apps (6 for 14) and Spr. Bradford (4 for 17) bowled unchanged. The only two batsmen on both sides to register double figures were Bdr. Baker and Bdr. Bancroft.

The Chinese Recreation Club, after a lapse of some years, made a welcome return to the cricket field by defeating an Army Pay Office eleven by 15 runs. D. Hung, of Craigengower, made 50 runs, while Tsai Wai-Pui, better known for his exploits on the tennis court, took no less than eight wickets!

Yesterday's Results At A Glance

FIRST DIVISION	
ST. JOSEPH'S	2 ST. JOSEPH'S
SECOND DIVISION	
RIFLES	3 ATHLETIC
THIRD DIVISION	
KWONG WAH	1 EAST LANCES
E. POLICE	0 K.N. RIFLES
C. POLICE	0 S. COOPS

YESTERDAY'S GOAL-SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION	
Leonard (St. Joseph's)	1
Fernandes (St. Joseph's)	1
Lai Shui-wing (St. Joseph's)	1
Cheong Moon-wing (Athletic)	1
Moore (Rifles)	1
Miller (Rifles)	1
SECOND DIVISION	
Wilson (Rifles)	1
Godfrey (Rifles)	1
McCollough (Rifles)	1
Kwong Yung-ki (Athletic)	1
Ip King-wing (Athletic)	1
THIRD DIVISION	
Parker (Engineers)	1
Taylor (Engineers)	1
Jordan (Engineers)	1
Nawa Singh (Kumson)	1
Thomson (Kumson)	1
Riley (Service Corps)	1
Roberts (Service Corps)	1
Lau Wing-kin (Kwong Wah)	1
Francis (East Lances)	1

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

FIRST DIVISION	
	Goals
P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	
Rifles	12 8 3 2 32 12 18
Fusiliers	12 8 3 2 23 15 18
S. China "B"	12 7 2 3 25 13 17
S. China "A"	11 5 3 3 18 10 13
E. Lanes	11 6 4 1 20 17 13
St. Joseph's	10 5 3 2 18 13 12
Kowloon	13 5 6 2 16 24 12
Navy	9 5 3 1 20 13 11
K. Chinese	12 3 4 5 18 24 11
Eastern	10 4 4 2 16 18 10
Club	11 4 7 0 23 21 8
Athletic	12 2 7 3 13 26 7
Recreio	10 1 5 4 10 24 6
Police	12 0 10 2 9 38 2
158 63 63 32 256 256 158	
SECOND DIVISION	
	Goals
P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	
Navy	12 11 0 1 63 18 23
Fusiliers	14 10 1 3 51 13 23
S. China	14 10 3 1 38 19 21
East Lanes	12 7 2 3 37 22 17
Rifles	12 8 3 1 31 18 17
Engineers	11 7 4 0 28 15 14
C. Police	12 6 5 1 28 28 13
Athletic	12 5 6 1 19 25 11
E.R.A. (Juniors)	12 3 9 0 22 23 9
E.R.A. (Seniors)	13 2 9 0 20 35 6
Kowloon	13 3 10 0 20 35 6
Club	12 2 9 1 15 41 5
K. Chinese	12 1 9 2 18 46 4
Eastern	12 1 10 1 17 53 3
172 76 76 20 406 406 172	
THIRD DIVISION	
	Goals
P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	
Fusiliers	11 11 0 0 41 6 22
Lips	12 9 2 0 41 6 22
E. Lanes	12 8 3 1 48 13 17
R.A.O.C.	12 8 4 0 27 16 16
R.A.M.C.	11 6 4 1 25 13 13
Kwong Wah	12 6 4 2 24 24 14
Air Force	11 5 4 2 19 30 12
Recreio	10 3 6 1 23 25 7
St. Joseph's	11 3 7 1 14 28 7
R.A.S.C.	10 2 6 2 10 20 6
Engineers	11 4 7 0 25 27 8
E. Police	11 2 9 8 13 41 4
C. Police	9 1 7 1 10 21 3
K.N. Rifles	6 1 5 0 9 26 2
150 69 69 12 333 333 150	

RECREIO BEATEN AT CRICKET

Souza Knocks Up 47 For Craigengower

In an all-day cricket match yesterday, the Craigengower C.C. defeated Club de Recreio by 5 wickets at King's Park. Scores: Club de Recreio—75 (Dr. A. M. Rodrigues 26; G. Souza 8 for 27; B. E. Iranez 3 for 22; D. Hung 3 for 5). Craigengower C.C.—140 (G. Souza 47, D. Hung 36, B. E. Iranez 26).

R.A.P.C. Beaten

The Royal Army Pay Corps lost to the Craigengower Cricket Club by 4 runs in their match at Craigengower yesterday.

Craigengower: 159 (E. B. Hamson 56, retired; A. B. Hamson 31). R.A.P.C.: 155 (Col. Lightfoot 67; Capt. Ingsen 26; Sgt. Burrows 23; Sgt. Smith 21).

Volunteers Lose

The Civil Service defeated the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps by 3 wickets at Happy Valley yesterday.

Volunteers: 35; (Zimmern 14). C.S.C.C.: 42 for 7 (Hawkins 12).

NEW PALACE GOALKEEPER

Crystal Palace have signed J. W. Powell, goalkeeper of Lymington (Hampshire League) on amateur terms. He is 21 years of age, 5ft. 10in. and is 11st. lb.

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Death Ray For Weevils

For a generation imaginative novelists have been making our flesh creep with tales of invincible death rays. The laboratory has now invented one which works. Dr. C. G. Lemon, applying radio waves to entomology, has devised a machine which will destroy weevils by an electric storm. The possibility of applying electrocution to the insect tribe has been discussed for some time in America, where they have ambitious hopes that it may enable them to eliminate pests in the field.

The war against insects is one of the most costly of man's burdens. They still inflict upon us a heavy toll of death and suffering. The United States estimates the loss of crops from insects at \$400,000,000 annually, and there every resource of science has been called into play. Fertile and well-organised States are still helpless against locust devastation. The tsetse fly still forbids large tracts of Africa to man. Men of science are nowadays on the attack, and magical success has been won by the entomologist in turning insect against insect and the application of parasite to parasite. But there have sometimes been inconvenient consequences. If a death ray which leaves no sequel can be made to suffice science will have won a memorable victory.

Help For The Blind

No affliction calls forth a keener desire to help the sufferer than blindness. The proposals of the Minister of Health to diminish the hardships of the blind are assured of general and hearty approval. It needs no argument to demonstrate that blind people over 40 are not likely to find employment, and there are 75,000 registered blind persons in Britain, only 25,000 of them now helped by pensions.

There are other forms of help hardly less valuable. For years past authorities have had power to give the blind assistance in their own homes without bringing them under the Poor Law. In a number of districts this has been done. Moreover, local authorities and voluntary organisations have done much for the home life of blind people, for their training and useful employment. If Sir Kingsley Wood can succeed in extending efficient work over the whole country he will have done an invaluable service. But of primary importance is the prevention of blindness. We are glad to recognise that progress has been made in the reduction of that most prolific cause, ophthalmia neonatorum. Yet it is still a scourge. Much yet remains to be done in the study of the hereditary and other factors of causation, and the Ministry of Health does well to stimulate research.

Your Daily Smile!

Old Jones looked cautiously round the door, and saw a burglar trying to open the safe in the corner. "Just wait here a minute will you?" asked Jones politely. "Wot, and 'ave you 'phone the police?" retorted the burglar sarcastically. "Oh, no," replied Jones. "I won't do that! I just want to call my wife. She'll be glad to meet you. She's heard you every night for the last 26 years."

Cleric Holds Baby
The local vicar, besides being a very strong temperance advocate, was a

DECREE SET ASIDE

Reconciled After
Divorce

CONGRATULATIONS FROM PRESIDENT

London: The reconciliation of a man and wife after a divorce petition was mentioned in the Divorce Court last month.

Mr. Philip Keith Saunders, formerly of Tottenhall-road, Wolverhampton, asked for the rescission of the decree granted in January to his wife, Mr. Edith de Smidt Saunders, whose address was then given as Walmer, Kent.

Mr. Saunders said his wife returned to him immediately after obtaining the decree, and had since been living with him.

Sir Boyd Merriman, the President: This is a rather curious case. I am doing nothing whatever to discourage this excellent application. I am glad to hear it, but the only technical difficulty is that the applicant was the respondent in the suit, and is claiming to have the decree set aside. I have to be quite satisfied.

Mr. F. L. C. Hodson: The King's Proctor is satisfied.

Sir Boyd Merriman: Does the wife consent?

Mr. Hudson said that she had instructed her solicitors to consent.

Sir Boyd Merriman, in rescinding the decree, congratulated Mr. Saunders.

NO MORE FRAYED COLLARS

Scientific Aid For
Laundries

Promises that no more linen will be damaged at the laundry, and that shrunken collars will be things of the past, were made last month by speakers at the opening, by Sir William Bragg, of the new extension of the British Laundry Research Association's laboratories at Hendon.

The work of the association has gone far towards finding, and curing, the root-troubles of laundry damage.

Among improvements at the laboratory, resulting from years of research, are machines for testing the strength of fabrics before and after washing; machines for finding localised chemical damage; charts giving the correct temperatures of the washing-water and of the irons required for various fabrics.

Unightly washmarks will disappear; already many laundries are using invisible ink for marking. These marks can only be seen under ultra-violet rays.

Many manufacturers, particularly those in wool and silk trades, are considering issuing "laundryability" certificates, based on the tests laid down by the association.

EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

The Royal Waterboy

BACHA Saqoo entered Kabul at the head of his triumphant rebel cohorts within a year after he left a Peshawar garage to head the insurrection against King Amanullah of Afghanistan. Bacha had been employed as a car washer and water peddler. The erstwhile menial crowned himself King of Afghanistan, on January 18, 1929, assuming the name of Habibullah. He established his throne room in the bathroom of the palace where the fixtures intrigued him greatly. His picturesque elevation lasted until October 23, 1929, on which day General Nadir Khan took over the crown of the country. Bacha was arrested and executed.

very kindly man.

One morning, when on his round of the parish, he saw an old lady pushing a pram up a very steep hill. Immediately he offered to help her.

At the top of the hill, with the clergyman puffing and panting from the heat and the exertion, the old lady was profuse in her thanks. The vicar would have none of it.

"No, no," he said. "There's nothing to thank me for. But perhaps, as a little reward, you will let me have a look at the baby."

"Baby?" exclaimed the woman. "Bless your heart, sir, there's no baby. It's two dozen of stout."

Here There and Everywhere

FRAU SCHRATT'S "MARRIAGE"

Considerable amusement has been caused in German and Austrian circles in London by a statement made last month that "the late Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria" was morganatically married to Frau Schratt.

This is quite incorrect. Frau Schratt, an actress at the Vienna Burg Theatre, became, when she was middle-aged, the confidante of the already elderly Emperor.

The Empress Elizabeth was on excellent terms with her and encouraged the friendship between them. There was not, however, any marriage between them after the death of the Empress.

Frau Schratt, who is over 90, still lives in a flat near Schoenbrunn and has refused huge sums from the American Press for her memoirs, which will, however, be published ten years after her death.

HAPPY BETHLEHEM

From Bethlehem it was announced last month that the month-of-pearl carvers are working overtime, making special gifts which the troops intend to send home for Christmas. The garri-son is the Camerounians. Their mechanical transport is parked in the courtyard of the Church of the Nativity.

Bethlehem must be one of the most comfortable towns in the world. It has no unemployment, many of the people own their own houses, and as most of them have relatives in the United States there are regular remittances from that source.

In addition big sums are spent every winter season by tourists and visitors to the Holy Places.

QUEEN MOTHER COMPLETELY RECOVERED

London, To-day. — The Queen Mother, who is still at Sandringham with Their Majesties the King and Queen, is stated to have quite recovered from the cold which kept her indoors at Christmas time.—British Wireless Service.

ARE METEORITES ALIVE?

DO THEY COME BEARING BACTERIA?

INTERESTING CONTROVERSY

LAST YEAR Professor Charles E. Lipman, distinguished bacteriologist of the University of California, created something of a sensation by proclaiming that he had discovered bacteria in the hearts of meteorites which had hurled into our atmosphere from outer space and buried themselves in the ground.

Dr. Michael A. Farrel of Yale and Dr. S. K. Roy of the Field Museum took him to task the one contenting himself with a general criticism of technique and the other endeavouring to find bacteria in meteorites of the same falls from which Lipman's material came. Recently Dr. Lipman rose before the Society for Research on Meteorites in Los Angeles to defend his claims.

"I wish to make it very clear and very emphatic," said indignant Dr. Lipman, "that my studies on the meteorites have no bearing whatever in the present state of our knowledge of bacteria in materials whose age is known exactly or approximately." By this he meant to divorce the researches on meteorites from others that led to his discovery of bacteria in anthracite coal.

Roy tried his best to imitate Lipman with similar meteoric material. Lipman objects that the specimens were too small—bits of meteoric stone of which the largest weighed only 8.6 grams or less than 125 grains. The smaller the mass studied the less the probability that it will contain micro-organisms. Lipman's smallest fragment weighed thirteen times as much as Roy's largest. So to Lipman it is not strange that Roy found no bacteria.

A Long Argument
Roy was well aware of the objection to small specimens. But he wanted only those which had outer crusts that prevented the entrance of bacteria from dust and air. Lipman points out that Roy did not always test encrusted fragments of meteorites. "If a broken crust on a meteorite permits ingress of bacteria, as Roy claims, why should his specimens have

been exceptions to the rule?" asks the California professor. Roy: Bacteria cannot survive in meteorites because they find there nothing to feed on. Lipman: Such a statement certainly shows a lack of knowledge. Many forms of bacteria go into the spore state when conditions are unfavourable and remain quiescent indefinitely until the proper conditions for their growth supervene. I can furnish all the proof you want on that score.

Roy: Bacteria cannot live in solutions of rock powder or meteorite powder. Lipman: Micro-organisms have been grown in unpromising solutions of barium chloride and saturated copper sulphate. And, mind you, these were vegetative growths, not mere spore survivals.

Roy: It has been proved that water with bacteria can seep through stony meteorites in contact with the earth. Lipman: You have proved only that meteorites can take up water but not that they take up bacteria with the water.

Survival Unlikely
Roy: I have found no bacteria in certain pebbles, from which I conclude that the possibility of their surviving in stony meteorites is very small.

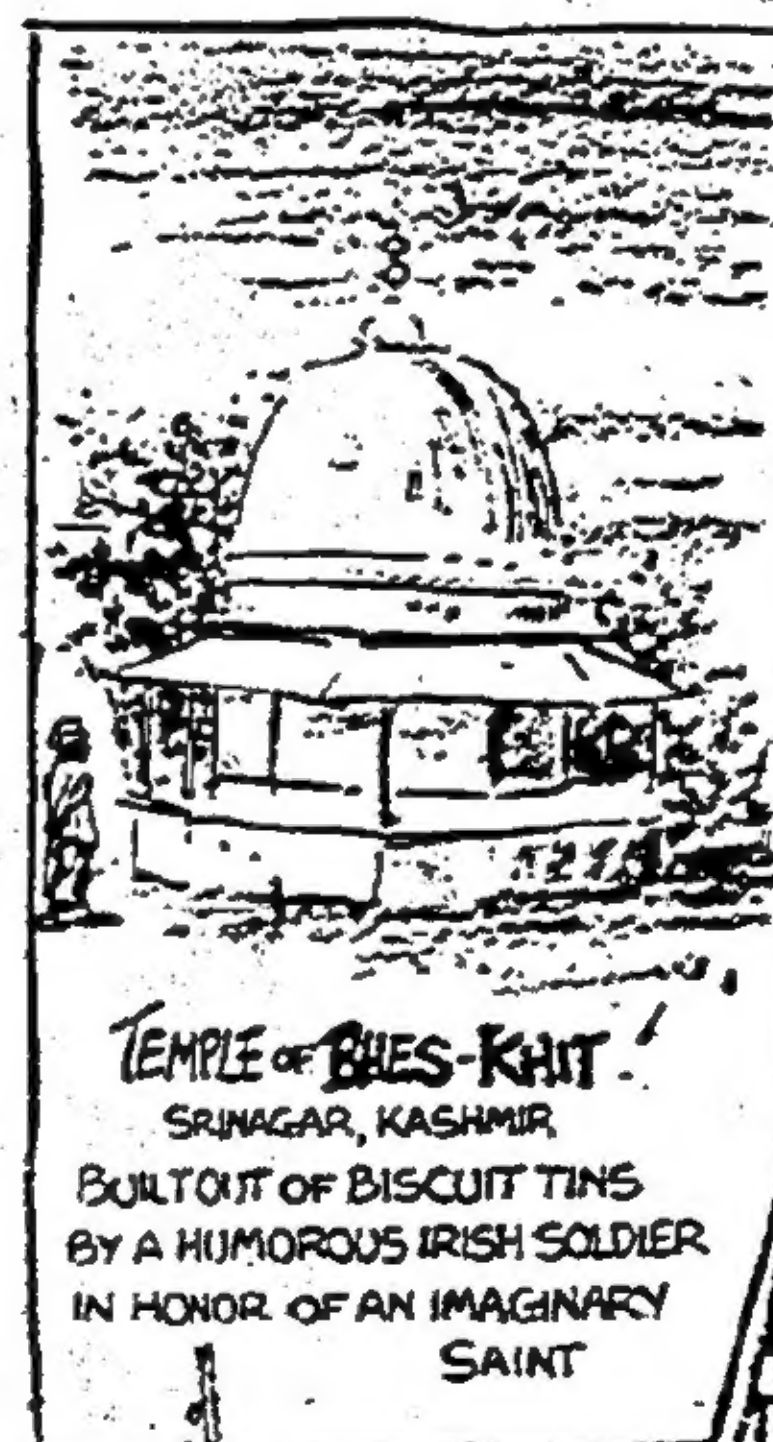
Lipman: My experience with the same pebbles does not bear out your claim of a close resemblance between their structure and that of stony meteorites. Stony meteorites are more porous.

Roy: I have confirmed my negative results by trying to grow bacteria in a culture medium of meteorite powder and distilled water. The bacteria that you found in meteorites must have come from the air of the operating chamber. Lipman: You offer no proof in your paper of your negative results. Besides, my working conditions were at least as aseptic as yours.

And so the argument goes. It has been pointed out that meteorites get white hot as they course through our air. This is a mere surface effect, according to

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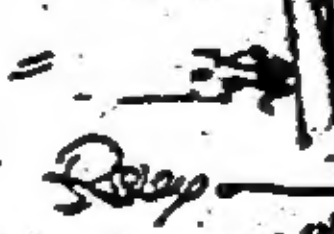
"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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BUILT OUT OF BISCUIT TINS
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IN HONOR OF AN IMAGINARY
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OF THE ROYAL PALACE (BECAUSE THE PLUMBING FIXTURES WERE BROKEN)

ONLY ONE MEMBER OF HIS CABINET COULD READ AND WRITE

"KIDNAPPING-PROFITABLE BUSINESS"

Statement In Court
By Unemployed

6-YEAR-OLD GIRL TAKEN
TO UN-LONG

"That he had been told by friends that kidnapping was a profitable business" was what Yuen Kau, unemployed, aged 17, told the Police after he had been arrested for kidnapping Chung Kung-sung, a 6-year-old girl, on December 29.

When charged before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Sub-Inspector Kirby said that the defendant formerly lived at No. 220 Hollywood Road with his aunt, who occupied a cubicle next to the girl's parents. He had known the little girl for about three years. Last Tuesday the defendant enticed the girl away early in the morning and took her across the harbour to Un Long, intending to sell her for \$20. There he met two Hakka women, to whom he offered the girl for sale. One offered him \$6 and the other \$2, but the defendant thought the prices were not good enough. He wandered about the district and later started to walk to Castle Peak with the girl. He had no money with him, but he boarded a bus for Kowloon and a kindly woman paid their fare to the Jordan Road Ferry. On arrival there the conductor handed them over to a constable as he thought they were in some kind of trouble, without any money, and they were taken to the Police Station.

The girl had been reported missing at about 5 p.m. that afternoon and all stations were circulated.

NEW AERODROME AT FENGTAI?

Japanese Authorities
Making Offers

Canton, To-day.—A message from Peiping states that the Japanese troops in North China are planning to build an aerodrome of 2,000 mows in Fengtai, which is 20 miles south of Peiping and is the junction point of the Peiping-Mukden, Peiping-Hankow and Peiping-Suiyuan Railways. It is learned that the Japanese authorities are offering \$50.00 per mow to the owners to buy the lands near the barracks there. — Our Own Correspondent.

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Singapore

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co. have received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

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Market:—Buyers holding off.

COMPANY NOT LIABLE

Assault With Ticket
Punch

Judgment for the defendants, with costs, was given by Lord Hewart, the Lord Chief Justice, in the King's Bench Division last month, in the Streattham Common assault case, in which a chair attendant was alleged to have knocked a man senseless with his ticket punch.

The plaintiff, Mr. William Edgar Davies, of Foulser-road, Battersea, S.W., a commercial traveller, and a woman friend were occupying chairs on the Common when a ticket collector named Beale employed by the defendants, M. W. Shanley (Park Chairs No. 1) Ltd., came up and there was an argument, followed by the alleged assault. The company denied liability, submitting that Beale, having become embroiled in a private dispute with Davies, was no longer acting as their servant, and they could not be held liable for his actions.

"I find as a fact," said Lord Hewart, "that at the time Mr. Davies was injured, Beale's work for the company had been com-



At a reception to Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, in New York City, James A. Farley, chairman of the National Democratic Committee, is here shown kissing the cardinal's ring after he had been presented to the distinguished visitor.

THE EMPIRE AIR SCHEME

First Section To
Open In April

SOUTH AFRICAN SERVICE

The flying-boat service between Britain and South Africa via Egypt will start on April 1 this year. It will be the first stage of the Empire air transport scheme, and will carry, without surcharge, all first-class mail of participating countries on the route.

The details were given in a note by Viscount Swinton, Secretary for Air, issued last month. This shows that in order to make provision for the operation of an air service between Egypt and South Africa during the period between the termination of the existing agreement and the commencement of the flying-boat service, it is proposed to extend the term of the existing agreement with Imperial Airways Limited from January 23 to March 31.

Subsidy Alterations
The provisions of that agreement have in practice since been modified in consequence of the taking over from Imperial Airways Ltd., as from April 1, 1936, of the section of the route between Johannesburg and Cape Town by South African Airways.

The adjustments rendered necessary on account of this change include a reduction in the rate of subsidy payable to Imperial Airways Ltd. from £120,000 per annum to £113,000, consequent on a reduction of £7,000 in the annual rate of contribution made by the Government of the Union.

Under the proposed extension of the agreement subsidy will be paid in respect of the additional period from January 23 to March 31, 1937, at the existing rate—£113,000 per annum.

Negotiation Advanced
Arrangements will also be made to enable the section of the route between Alexandria and Kisumu to be operated during the additional period either by landplanes as at present or by the new Empire flying-boats. Negotiations are in progress with the Governments concerned with a view to securing concurrence in the proposed arrangement and continuation at the present rates of their contributions towards the service during the additional period.

In order to maintain the existing connection to West Africa it is also proposed to conclude a temporary subsidy agreement with Imperial Airways Ltd. for a service once weekly until March 31 for the carriage of passengers and mails between Khartoum and Lagos.

"As the blow was not struck within the scope of Beale's employment or authority as the defendants' agent, the company are entitled to succeed."



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REPORT ON Z.B.W. FAILURE

Z.E.K. Used Until
Repairs Made

The following statement on the Z.B.W. failure yesterday has been issued by the Postmaster General. Owing to a defect to the low tension power supply to this transmitter, it was impossible to transmit the mid-day European programme from Z.B.W. and the first part of the evening programme yesterday.

Z.E.K. transmitted the usual mid-day and afternoon Chinese programme and was then used for the European programme until temporary repairs were effected on Z.B.W. and the transmitter brought into use at about 9.35 p.m.

Z.B.W.3 the short-wave transmitter was not affected and broadcast the usual programme.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

OBITUARY

(Continued from Page 1)

It was stated yesterday that as Mr. Potts' condition had shown an improvement, Dr. Black and the nurse were returning to Hong Kong.

Mrs. Potts and another son, returning to Hong Kong from Canada, left Shanghai last Thursday for Swatow.

51 YEARS IN COLONY
The late Mr. George Hutton Potts, who was popularly known as the "Father of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange," has been connected with Hong Kong for 51 years.

Mr. Potts was a Yorkshireman, being born at Bedale, on April 16, 1864. He was educated at Harrow School.

It was in 1885 that he first came to Hong Kong to join the firm of Russell and Co., remaining with them until their failure in 1900, when he went to Shanghai and opened the brokering firm of Benjamin, Kelly and Potts. In 1906 Mr. Kelly separated from this firm and established himself in Hong Kong. Six years later Mr. Potts returned from Shanghai and with his brother, Mr. P. C. Potts, settled down finally to brokering in Hong Kong under the firm name of Benjamin and Potts.

1894 PLAGUE OUTBREAK

Mr. Potts' memories go back to the first great outbreak of plague in 1894, when he was one of the band of volunteer workers who assisted the medical and sanitary authorities in cleaning up the infected areas. He was also one of the first Naval Volunteers, a body which came into being in the eighties, when Hong Kong was suffering from a Russian scare, and anticipating an unfriendly visit from the Russian fleet.

In 1900, on the outbreak of the Boxer Rebellion in China, Mr. Potts, who was a member of the Hong Kong Volunteer Corps' Force, after volunteering for the South African War and having his services declined offered them to the military authorities here, who accepted them. Sent North, he was engaged on transport work under Major Ratcliffe and entered Peking with the British Force under General Gaselee.

For his services he received a Captain's commission in the Regular Army, but resigned it on the subsidence of the rebellion and returned to brokering.

CAPTAIN IN H.K.V.D.C.

He maintained his connection, however, with the Hong Kong Volunteers, in which he held the rank of Captain. Mr. Potts saw two big reclamation schemes carried out on Hong Kong's waterfront and remembered well the days when the Praya was where Des Voeux Road now is and the Hong Kong Club was on the site of the present King's Theatre.

In his earlier years Mr. Potts was an all-round athlete, winning many honours for the high and broad jump and in the hurdles. He was also a devotee of Rugby Football and was for several years captain of the Hong Kong Football Club, which he was instrumental in promoting. Last year he was elected a Life Member of the Hong Kong Football Club in recognition of his splendid services towards the Club's activities, both as a player and a Committee member, this marking the double jubilee of the Club and his association with it.

Rowing was another of his sporting activities and he stroked the victorious England crew in the local international contest, while at tennis he was runner-up in various championship contests and winner of many handicap events. He was for many years an owner of racing ponies and won many Derbies and Champions, both in Hong Kong and Shanghai with "The King's Stable."

(Continued at foot of next Col.)

Mr. F. M. el Arculli, who resigned from Newspaper Enterprise Ltd., has now joined the Hong Kong Daily Press.

The loss, on New Year night, of approximately \$400.00 in cash was reported at the Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station by Mr. P. S. Robertson of the Canadian Pacific Railway Passenger Department. The money, contained in a black leather wallet, was lost between the Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, between the hours of 9 and 10.30 p.m., and it is not known whether the wallet accidentally dropped from the pocket, or was lifted in the jostling of the crowd on the Star Ferry.

According to schedule, the s.s. Kidderpore is expected to arrive in the Colony on Friday next. She left Moji yesterday at 5 p.m.

Bell's Hippodrome Circus arrived in the Colony at 7 a.m. to-day by the s.s. Hupeh from Tientsin. The Circus, which will open next Friday, is under contract to Mr. Boroski of the Hong Kong Amusement Park at Wanchai.

The s.s. Sirdhana left Singapore last Thursday, and is expected to arrive in the Colony next Wednesday morning.

The s.s. Rawalpindi is due here with the English mails next Thursday at 8 a.m.

The N.Y.K. line have chartered the local Douglas steamer Haitan for a trip to Manila in order that the passengers arriving here on the trans-Pacific liner Taiyo Maru will not have to wait in Hong Kong for over a fortnight before being able to proceed south.

The well-known French sculptor, M. Gaston Hauchecorne, arrived in Hong Kong on Friday on the N.Y.K. Fusimi Maru from Shanghai, where he had held a most successful exhibition of his works.

POLICE RESERVE

Orders For The Current
Week

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector General of Police.
Chinese Company
Commendation. Constable R36 Ho Lu Nam is commended and granted the commended service bar by the Inspector General of Police for zeal and alertness in arresting a Chinese Male who was convicted for Larceny from Person.

Indian Company

Training Course — Part II.
The undermentioned members of the Indian Company will attend Indian Company Headquarters on Tuesday, January 5th 1937 at 17.30 hours for Part II of Training Course:—

Constables R201 S. I. Bux, R210 Abdullah Shah, R213 S. B. Hussain, R216 Lal Khan, R236 M. S. Dillon, R207 Fazal Iahli Oppal, R206 Mohamed Ali Oppal, R225 Kasim Ali, R226 A. E. Razack and R293 Jaffer Mohamed.

Training Course — Part III.
The undermentioned members of the Indian Company will attend Indian Company Headquarters on Wednesday, January 6th 1937 at 17.30 hours for Part III of Training Course:—

Lance Sergeant R241 Sultan Khan, and Constables R205 Abdul Ghani, R293 Jaffer Mohamed, R268 M. S. Vadi, R299 Abdul Shakoor, R298 Ayub Khan, and R208 Mohamed Khan.

Emergency Unit Reserve

Riot Drill. A Riot Drill will be carried out by members of the Emergency Unit Reserve on Friday, January 8th 1937. All members will parade outside Queens Pier at 17.20 hours. Dress—Operational.

(Sgd.) C. CHAMPKIN;
D. S. P. (R).
Hong Kong, Monday, January 4th 1937.

He was a member of the Hong Kong Jockey Club and Chairman of the Macau Race Club.

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December's Weather

The December weather survey issued by the Royal Observatory, says that the bright weather, which prevailed generally during November, continued until December 12, after which cloudiness was general until the end of the month. The mean temperature was 64.9 degrees against an average of 62.9; it ranged from 81.2

on December 1 to 52.9 on December 27. Cloudiness averaged 64%, being 9% above the normal, while sunshine averaging 156 hours was 17 hours below normal; humidity (75%) was 6% above normal and rainfall (0.38 in.) was 0.78 in. below normal. The maximum daily rainfall was 0.10 in. on the 24th, of which fell at 7 p.m.



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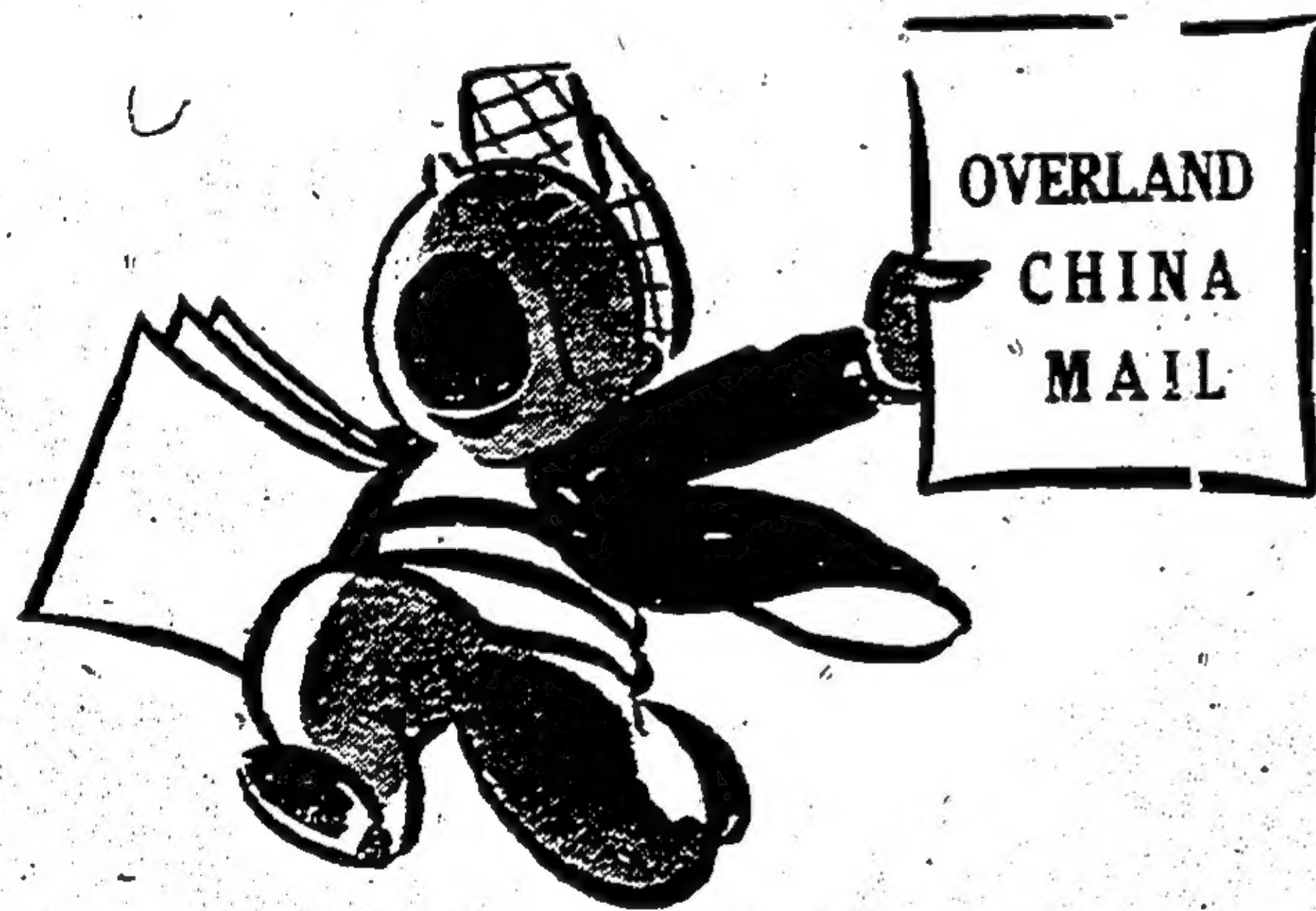
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RIZAL DAY

Filipino Community
Celebrate

PENINSULA HOTEL FUNCTION

Rizal Day, the 40th anniversary of the martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal, was celebrated in customary manner by the local Filipino community at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday, when a luncheon and dance were held. The gathering was presided over by Mr. R. Basa, and a large number of people attended.

Mr. R. S. Castro, the Hon. Secretary of the Filipino Club, said the anniversary of the death of the great martyr actually fell on December 30, but the celebrations had been postponed in order to secure a larger attendance.

Mr. Basa said Rizal Day was the first national holiday of the Filipino people to commemorate the emancipation of their country. The labour had borne fruit, and in a few years they would have reached their goal, thanks to the generous act of the United States Government.

Dancing was indulged in to music by the Cathay Orchestra and between the dances, variety items were contributed by several members of the community and guests.

The officers responsible for the function were: Executive Committee: Mr. R. Basa (Chairman), Mr. R. Laxala (Vice-Chairman), Dr. V. N. Atienza (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. R. Grefalda (Asst. Hon. Treasurer), Mr. R. S. Castro (Hon. Secretary). Orchestra: Prof. F. Gonzalez. Decorations: Mr. J. B. Vargas. Reception: Mr. J. S. Castro.

Among those present were Mr. C. M. Alves, Mr. and Mrs. D'Almeida, Messrs. F. Carpio, S. D'Assis, F. Elizaga, J. Eramela, G. Gatchalian, L. R. Hildebrando, P. Y. Mayrina, L. Mercado, E. T. Porter, Mrs. J. Landolt, Miss Ray, Messrs. J. Silverio, D. Silverio, S. Thompson, S. Leonard, N. Leonard, Miss U. Leonard, Messrs. E. Alves, C. R. da Silva, M. A. da Silva, Mr. Seeto, Miss F. Seeto, Miss B. Seeto, Mr. G. D'Aquino, Mr. G. S. Angeles and Mr. Pomping Villa. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. P. Souza, Mrs. V. N. Atienza, Mr. S. Palomique and Miss Betty Woo.



School children of Henry Ford's Greenfield Village greeted the auto magnate and Governor Alfred Landon with a ringing salute when the Republican nominee visited in Detroit. Henry Ford, left, and Governor Landon are here shown as they smilingly accepted the children's tribute.

MOST WORRYING NEW LINER BLOW INTO JETTY

Lord Hewart Tells Of Experiences

Lord Hewart, the Lord Chief Justice, at the annual dinner of the Association of Lancastrians, at the Hotel Great Central, last month, told the dramatic story of "the only case in my life that ever kept me awake."

He was referring to the "sack murder" trial at Liverpool Assizes in 1914, when a lad named Bell was sentenced to death and his young companion, named Elliott, sent to penal servitude as an accessory. Lord Atkin of Aberdovey, now a Lord of Appeal, who was the judge at the trial, had recalled that Lord Hewart, then Mr. Gordon Hewart, K.C., prosecuted.

"It was the only case in my life in which I wrote out several times the first three sentences of my address to the jury," said Lord Hewart. "I knew that sooner or later I should have the terrible task of cross-examining these two lads."

Miss Gracie Fields was at the dinner. Lord Hewart announced that "Gracie" had become a member of the Association, and she then sang Lancastrian songs.

Why She Left The East.

ENGLISHWOMAN TELLS OF PENALTIES OF LIFE ABROAD.

"I have travelled over the greater part of the world," stated Mrs. M. Crowden, now residing at 40, Broad Oak-road, St. Helens, to a newspaper reporter. "My husband is a trainer of racehorses, and he has controlled stables on the Continent, in New Zealand, Australia and India."

"I was living in India for three years, and while there I contracted malaria fever, and for a while my life was despaired of. Although I recovered somewhat, the tropical climate was too much for me and I had to leave India, and I determined to go to England."

"After my return, however, I was subject to recurring attacks of the malaria and I dreaded the approach of symptoms foretelling an attack. I suffered from chills, my appetite went completely and the very sight of food was distasteful to me. This went on until I became almost a complete mental and physical wreck, and didn't even wish to live."

"Then one day a booklet came into my hands describing how many sufferers from debility and other ailments had been cured by Dr. Williams' pink pills, and I determined to give the pills a trial."

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Incident Follows Launching

SHIP HELD UP BY WIND AND TIDE

Barrow.

Directly the 23,500-ton Orient liner Orcaades had skinned down the launching slip at Vickers-Armstrongs yard last month the wind, whipping up the Walney Channel, caught her broadside and forced her back towards the stocks—writes a Home correspondent.

Half a dozen tugs which had been standing by quickly clustered round the liner, but the high wind made it extremely difficult to get hawsers to bear. For half an hour the Orcaades was motionless against wind and tide, despite the efforts of the tugs.

Then she began to move forward, but the wind had freshened and the liner had to approach the banks further along the water-front in driving rain and gusts of over 40 miles an hour.

Despite the efforts of the tugs the stern slowed round into a railway jetty about 200 yards from the slipway, and carried away the outermost portion. No one was on the jetty at the time.

The Orcaades was apparently undamaged. An hour elapsed before she was coaxed away from the bank and towed into a deep-water basin.

White, Cream and Green Hull The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. Geddes, wife of Mr. Irvine C. Geddes, chairman of Anderson, Green and Co. Ltd., managers of the Orient Line. The white, cream and green hull presented an attractive picture as it went down the slipway.

Speaking at the launching, Mr. Geddes referred to the "great drag" on eastern shipping imposed by Suez Canal dues.

Assuming that the Orcaades spent her life in the Australian trade, and dues remained at their present level, she would pay, during her life, more in dues to the canal company than the Orient Company would pay to Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs for her construction.

"The Suez Canal dues, being based on gross tonnage," he said, "rise out of all proportion to other items, and the burden of transit through the Canal is now 50 per cent. higher than pre-war in relation to other charges that we pay or receive, and this in spite of repeated reductions in the nominal charge."

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"ANTHONY ADVERSE"—
KING'S THEATRE

The picture follows the romantic adventures of Anthony Adverse through five countries, across the seas and over three continents.

Fredric March has given the screen some wonderful portrayals in the past, but never has he risen to the heights of dramatic fire as in the title role of this picture. His Anthony is a living, breathing person, stepping out of a book into real life on the screen.

He is ably supported by Olivia de Havilland, who came to screen prominence with her work in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Captain Blood."

Other loves of Anthony are found in the characterisations portrayed by Steffi Duna, a fiery half caste with whom he lives in his African slave mart and Gale Sondergaard, a voluptuous and passionate housekeeper. Both give unusually fine interpretations.

Edmund Gwenn, the famous English actor, gives a wonderful portrayal of John Bonnyfeather, the grandfather of Anthony.

Claude Rains gives an excellent portrayal of the grandee of Spain as does Louis Hayward as the young Irish lover.

The members of the cast include Billy Mauch, Donald Woods, Henry O'Neill, Pedro De Cordoba and George E. Stone.

"HIS BROTHER'S WIFE"—
MAJESTIC THEATRE

"His Brother's Wife," produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, with W. S. Van Dyke directing, brings Barbara Stanwyck and Robert Taylor to the screen in a spectacular romance.

Jean Harsholt is featured as a veteran explorer and adventurer in the far and dangerous places of the tropical jungle. Joseph Calleia scores in another of his suave bad-man roles.

The story is of a young scientist who ventures into the jungle to find the cure for a dreaded malarial and returns to the realisation that the woman he loves is his brother's wife, and this provides a dramatic vehicle for these distinguished stars.

"SWORN ENEMY"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

The story concerns two young brothers, born and raised in the seething heart of a great city, where the influence of the grim racketeers is never far away. One of them is ruthlessly killed because he knows too much and the other swears to avenge him.

Joseph Calleia, the sinister villain of the screen, plays a Lon Chaney role as a crippled gangster chieftain. Robert Young portrays the surviving brother who becomes the manager of a prize-fighter, played by Nat Pendleton.

Florence Rice, daughter of the famous writer, Grantland Rice, has the feminine lead. Others in the cast of this Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture are Lewis Stone, the veteran character actor, Harold Huber, Harvey Stephens and Samuel Hinds.

**EARL AND HIS WIFE
SUED BY GUARD**

Alleged Injury When
Hounds Crossed Line

"TRESPASS" PLEA

The Earl and Countess of Lonsborough were the defendants in an action heard in the King's Bench Division last month.

The case was brought by Ernest Haroldice Haxley, aged 61, a L.N.E.R. guard living at March, Cambridgeshire.

Lord and Lady Lonsborough are joint masters of the famous Blankney Hounds.

It is alleged that Haxley was injured last December through a goods train, in which he was acting as guard, having to stop because of the presence on the line of hounds of the Blankney Hunt. Messrs. Pattinson and Brewer, the London solicitors, were representing the guard.

In the current official list of non-jury actions the cause of action is set down as "trespass."

Cinema Notes From The Theatres

"MY MAN GODFREY"—
QUEEN'S, ALHAMBRA
AND STAR
THEATRES

"My Man Godfrey" is a brilliant modern romantic comedy with humour and co-stars William Powell and Carole Lombard.

The situations mount rapidly to a pitch of gay humour, which keeps climbing the scale until contagious fun has reached an epidemic of laughter. The most earth-bound pessimist will be a mirth-bound optimist after seeing this picture.

William Powell portrays the role of a butler who does his best to battle, in spite of bottles and battle-axes, for the craziest family in America. Carole Lombard, playing the part of the younger daughter, falls in love with him and proposes marriage. She won't take "No" for an answer. Her sister is the sort of girl who would stick pins in puppies just to hear them howl.

The mother of the menage is slightly unhinged and the father is slightly dizzy from trying to straighten out all the members of his household.

Besides the stars, there are Alice Brady, Gail Patrick, Jean Dixon, Eugene Pallette, Alan Mowbray, Mischa Auer and Robert Light.

"My Man Godfrey" is taken from the novel of the same name by Eric Hatch. This well-known modern humourist wrote the screen play with Morris Ryskind, noted writer of numerous screen hits.

**ANNE BOLEYN'S
LOVE LETTER**

Withdrawal From Sale

HENRY VIII MISIVE
TO "MY DARLING"

Entering the rostrum at Christie's last month, Sir Alec Martin had regretfully to announce that the dossier of historical letters belonging to Capt. E. N. F. Loyd had to be withdrawn temporarily from public sale.

As this section contained the quaintly-spelt love-letter which Henry VIII wrote "to my mistress, Darling," Anne Boleyn, the company was much disappointed.

It is believed that, with regard to this fascinating missive and to letters in the hands of Mary, Queen of Scots, and of Martin Luther, enquiries are to be instituted in some famous Continental libraries. Afterwards the letters held over will be duly submitted.

"The Most Happy" Queen Victoria was always interested in the tragic story of Anne Boleyn, and saw to it that she should possess the silver-gilt clock which Henry presented to Anne on their wedding morning. The initials of the pair are chased on the weights of this, with true lovers' knots and the inscription, "The Most Happy." Surmounting the timepiece sits the Lion with the Arms of England.

Queen Victoria ordered her agent to bid for the clock when Horace Walpole's varied treasures were dispersed in 1842 at Strawberry Hill. It was an auction bargain at 105 gns.

The chief book sold was an extra illustrated "Life of Henry VIII," by F. F. Tytler, 1860, including Holkar's engraved portrait of Anne Boleyn and a miniature of Henry and his six wives. It realised £115.

ARE METEORITES ALIVE?

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Lipman's geological advisers. He heated meteorites in a gas burner for twenty seconds to 1,300 degrees C. without being able to kill all the microorganisms within, and twenty seconds is ten times longer than most meteors glow.

Lipman denies that he has been trying to prove that life may have reached the earth from outer space. "I never hinted at this or state it. The origin of life on earth has nothing to do with the case. Some people can't keep from confusing distinct subjects." But if anybody wants to argue from his results that the earth is not the only living body in space Dr. Lipman is not the man to object.

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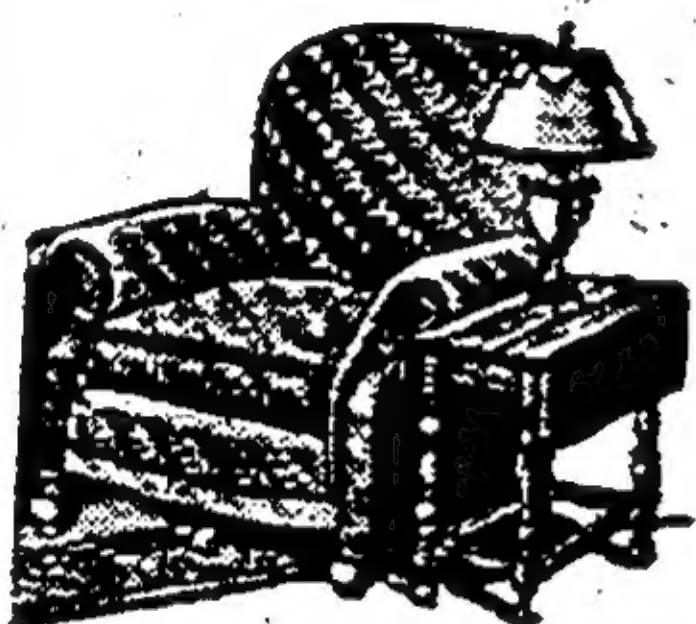
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TEST CRICKET SCORES FROM LONDON.
DANCE MUSIC.

H.K.T.
12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—Cinema Organ Memories.

12.50 p.m.—Three Songs by the Hill Billies.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 p.m.—Dance Music.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press: Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—A Light Concert.
2 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5-8 p.m.—European Programme.
5 p.m.—A Relay of Dance Music from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

6.30 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
Wolga, Wolga! (Russian Waltz Potpourri). (Walter Noack).
Hydropathen Waltz (Joa. Gungl).
Greetings of Spring (Schwartz).
The Broken String.
The Swallow Waltz.

Russian Novelty Orchestra.
6.45 p.m.—Songs by Amelita Galli-Curci (soprano) and Stuart Robertson (baritone).

Soprano Solos—
Serenata (Tosti).
Carceleras (Prison Song). (Chapli).

Tenor Solos—
When dull care (Lane Wilson).
When lights go rolling (Ireland).

Soprano Solo—
Chanson Indoue (Song of India) (Rimsky-Korsakov).

Tenore Solos—
(a) The Mermaid.
(b) Polly Wolly Doodle (arr. W. H. M.).

(c) Little Brown Jug.
(d) The Three Crows (Eastburn).

7.08 p.m.—Columbia Meister Orchestra.
Italian Folk Songs—Medley, (de Michel).

Elauer Pavillon (Armandola).
Traumende Glocken (Krone).

7.20 p.m.—Three Light Violin Solos by Albert Sandler.

1. Spanish Serenade.
2. The Child and his dancing doll (Jenny Heykens).

3. Daybreak (Reginald King).
7.30 p.m.—Closing local stock quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market report.

7.35 p.m.—Memories of Billy Mayerl and Jan Klepura.

Tenor Solos—
La Danza (Rossini, arr. Schlesinger).

Hente nacht order nie!
Piano Solos—
Billy Mayerl's Savoy Havana Memories.

Tenore Solos—
You, me and love.

Piano Solo—
Billy Mayerl's own selection.

Tenor Solo—
I mean to say I love you.

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 p.m.—A Relay from the Po King Theatre (Chinese).

11 p.m.—Close down.

8.05-11 p.m.—European Programme from Z.B.W. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.

8.05 p.m.—Light Orchestra Music. Les Saltimbanques—Overture (Louis Ganne).

The Juggler (Grotzsch).
March of the Caucasian Chief (Ippolitov-Ivanov, arr. Finck).

Speak to me of love (Lenoir).
Poem (Ritich).

Serenade Pastorale (Silens).
Fantome (Daniderf).

8.30 p.m.—The Fountain of Arethusa (Szymanowski), Op. 30, by Joseph Szigeti (Violin).

8.35 p.m.—A Recital by Eva Turner (soprano).

"Aida" (Verdi)—
Ritorna Vincitor.
"O Cielu Azzurri".

"La Gioconda" (Ponchielli)—
Suicidio.

8.55 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.

9.15 p.m.—London—The Third Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England. An account of the third day's play by Alan Kippax. From Melbourne. (Electrical Recording).

9.30 p.m.—Variety.
Song—
Love (Wonderful Love).
Gracie Fields.

Accordian Solo—
Woodland Flowers.
Viljo Vesterinen.

Vocal—
Stardust..... The Radio Three.
Piano Duo—
"The Great Ziegfeld" Medley,
The Keyboarders.

Vocal—
For me, for you..... Hildegard.
Accordian Band—
Six Hits of the day..... Primo Scala's
Accordian Band.

Song—
Do you remember my first love song?..... Gracie Fields.

10 p.m.—London—Big Ben. "Empire Magazine" No. 20. A weekly Review of Things at Home, Edited by Patsy Thompson.

10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—

But Definitely.
Mickey Mouse's Birthday party.
Oh, you rogue.
An old Hawaiian Gaiter.
Tap your toesies.
Celebration.
Quick-Step—Around and round the
Old Bandstand.

Fox-Trot—Until to-morrow.
Slow Waltz—Sweetheart, let's grow
old together.
11 p.m.—Close down.



The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit radio priest, had another brush with the press in Providence, when John J. Barry, inst., a Boston newspaperman, "interfered in a meeting with officials" of Coughlin's organization in Providence. The priest, pacing the floor of his Boston hotel room, called Barry an interloper and shouted "I'll tear him to pieces!"

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Trump Management

The trump suit is like a fortress, sprawled across the card table. Behind it declarer mobilises his forces and establishes his tricks. That is why the first concern of the defence against a low contract is with the trumps. Get them out of the way and the game can go on. Ignore them and declarer succeeds in his plans.

There are two ways of getting trumps out of the way. Leading them out, and forcing them out with side suits. The correct method against a high contract generally is to force them out, against a low contract to lead them out.

Note the devastating effect of the trump leads in to-day's hand, helped a little by weak play on declarer's part.

North, dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
S. A Q 5 2
H. A Q 5
D. 9 7 6
C. A K 3

WEST EAST
S. K J 10 9 8 S. 6 3
H. K J 10 4 H. 9 8 6 2
D. 4 D. K J 5 2
C. Q J 10 C. 9 6 4

SOUTH
S. 7 4
H. 7 3
D. A Q 10 8 3
C. 8 7 5 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1 no trump Pass 2 di. (1) 2 sp. (2)
Double (3) Pass Pass Pass

(1) South should have bid two no trump.

(2) A pointless overcall. If East has a fair hand West will make a part-score, if East has a "bust" West will be ruined.

(3) North's game is uncertain, the penalty sure.

North opened the nine of diamonds, dummy covered with the Jack, and South won with the queen. Seeing no threatening side suit South promptly returned a trump. North won with the queen and returned a low trump, declarer winning with the nine.

West decided to go after the clubs, but North stepped up with the king and returned a diamond. And West made the fatal error of ruffing. A second club lead was taken by the ace, and North cleared all of the trumps. Declarer cashed his club, but then he was through. North had two heart tricks and South's diamonds accounted for the rest.

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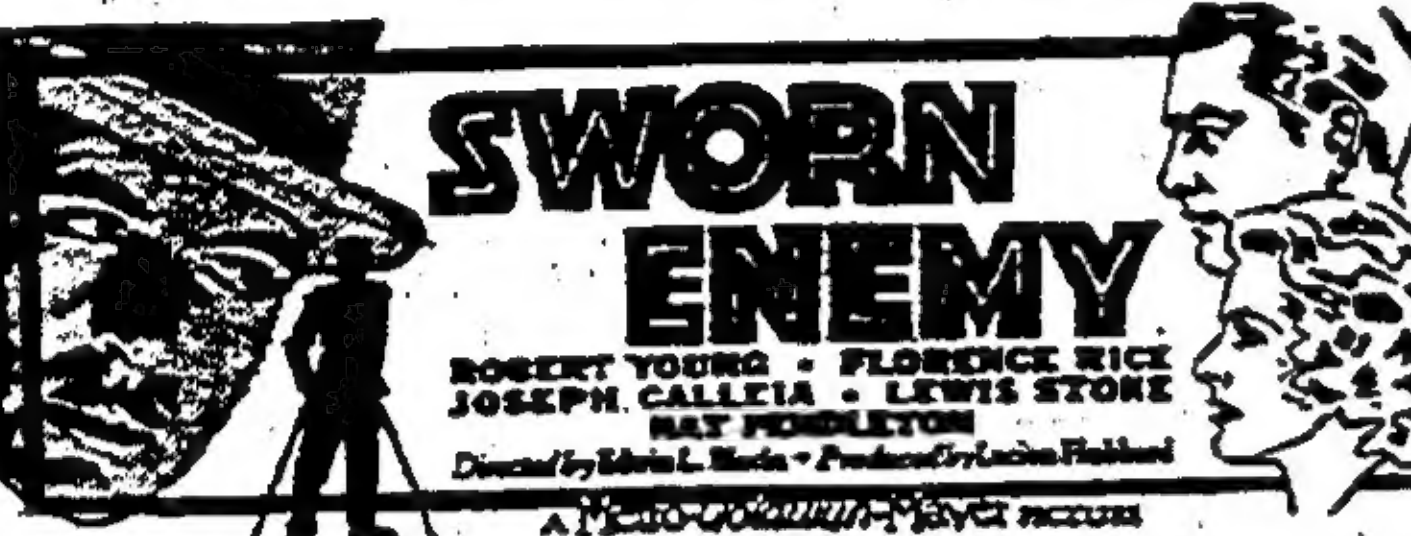
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"BLACK HILL" INCIDENT

British Protest To Burgos Authorities

London, To-day.
The British Ambassador to Spain, who is at Hendaye, has been instructed to call the attention of the Burgos authorities to the incident in which the British steamship Black Hill, 2,492 tons, of Newcastle, was involved last Friday.

While on passage in ballast from Bayonne to Santander to load iron ore for the Tyne, the Black Hill was fired on by a crawler, reported to have been a Spanish insurgent vessel.

Sixteen shots were fired but all fell short and the Black Hill easily outdistanced her pursuer into Santander.

Sir Henry Chilton, in view of reports that the crawler belonged to the insurgent forces will protest to the authorities at Burgos against its action.—British Wireless Service.

PROTEST TO BE LODGED

London: The British Ambassador at Hendaye is reported to have been instructed to protest to the Burgos Junta regarding the shelling of the Black Hill.—Reuter.

ROYAL WEDDING

Many Visitors From Germany

The Hague, To-day.
Following the release of their passports, the family of the Duke of Mecklenburg and about 40 German Princess and other nobles are expected here to-morrow for Crown Princess Juliana's wedding to Prince Bernard Lippe-Biesterfeld next Thursday.

It is possible that Prince Bernard's mother, Princess Armgard, will be unable to attend the ceremony through ill-health.—Reuter.

"PRINCE OF NETHERLANDS"
Amsterdam: The title of "Prince of the Netherlands" is to be conferred upon Prince Bernard of Lippe Biesterfeld in the near future by Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, according to reports in Dutch newspapers.—Trans-Ocean Service.

LOVERS' ALLEGED SUICIDE PACT

Chemist To Face Trial

"WE WOULD GO TOGETHER"

"It appeared to be a suicide pact," said Mr. Vernon Lawrence, prosecuting at Bargoed, Glam., last month, when William John Thomas, 19, a chemist's assistant, was charged with the murder of Jeannette Florence Mary Roper, 16, a hairdresser's assistant. He was also accused of attempted suicide.

The couple had been sweethearts for about four months. Thomas was committed for trial on both charges and was granted legal aid. He pleaded not guilty, reserving his defence.

The girl was the daughter of a police-sergeant, who, with the father of Thomas, went to the chemist's shop where Thomas was employed and found the couple on a settee. The girl was dead, and the young man, who was in a stupefied condition, recovered after treatment. On a table near the couple were two bottles marked "Poison."

Mr. Lawrence said that an analyst had come to the conclusion that Miss Roper's death was due to cyanide of potassium, and that a large dose of morphine had also been taken.

When Thomas was charged with

STATE COUNCIL TO MEET THIS MORNING

Canton, To-day.—The Secretary-General of the Nationalist Government has notified the Members of the Government that the State Council will hold a meeting at 8 a.m. to-day. It is stated that the meeting will discuss the recommendation of the Generalissimo for the special pardon on Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, the Shensi revolt leader.—Our Own Correspondent.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 15

Canton, To-day.—The Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang is summoning its members for the Third Plenary Session, which will be held on February 15. It is learned that the date of the Peoples' Congress will be fixed by this meeting.—Our Own Correspondent.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION

Canton, To-day.—A three-year compulsory education plan has been announced by the Commissioner of Social Affairs at Canton. All children between the age of 8 to 12 will be forced to study in the Municipal Primary Schools for a period of three years.—Our Own Correspondent.

COASTAL DEFENCE OF KWANGTUNG

Canton, To-day.—General Yu Hon-mow, Pacification Commissioner for Kwangtung, has mapped out a plan for the coastal defence of the province. It is learned that the work has to be completed in six months, ending in June, this year.—Our Own Correspondent.

INHERITANCE TAX NOW IN OPERATION

Canton, To-day.—The Nanjing Government has announced that the Inheritance Tax will be adopted throughout the country, as from January 1.—Our Own Correspondent.

GENERALISSIMO AT FENGHUA

Canton, To-day.—Having been granted one month's leave of absence, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek left Nanjing for Fenghua, his native district in Chekiang Province, on Saturday last at 8 a.m. to attend the funeral of his brother.—Our Own Correspondent.

the murder he replied, according to Mr. Lawrence: "I did not murder her. She was of her own accord. She said I did not go with her she would go or and do it herself... She wanted to know if I had some poison. I said 'Yes,' and if she wanted to go that way we would go together."

British Warships Leaving On Southern Cruise

The harbour will look bare this evening following the departure of several of His Majesty's ships on a southern cruise.

H.M.S. Dorsetshire, of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron, left the Colony this morning for Malampaya Sound, Philippine Islands, while H.M. Aircraft-Carrier Hermes, accompanied by the Tender H.M.S. Diana, departed for Ilo-Ilo, also in the Philippines.

The Destroyers Daring and Diamond, and the Submarine Ostrich left Hong Kong for Puerto Princess, in the Philippines, while

the Submarine Perseus, accompanied by the Destroyer Decoy, sailed for Port Snail.

On the completion of their southern cruise, H.M.S. Dorsetshire and the Aircraft-Carrier Hermes will proceed to England for refit and re-commissioning.

The Transport Lancashire, carrying the Seaforth Highlanders, who will relieve the East Lancashire Regiment, has been delayed a day by rough weather between Singapore and Hong Kong, and will not arrive to-morrow, but on Wednesday morning.

MEDITERRANEAN AGREEMENT

(Continued from Page 1)

EXCHANGE OF NOTES

London: Notes exchanged in Rome on December 31 between Sir Eric Drummond and Count Ciano on the integrity of the present territories of Spain have now been made public.

The British Ambassador, in his note, begins by recalling the Commons' question and answer of December 16 on the guarantee given to the British Government by the Government of Italy concerning the Balearic Islands and cites Mr. Eden's account of the giving of assurances which he pointed out were verbal.

"His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires in Rome, acting on instructions, informed the Italian Foreign Minister on September 12 that any alteration of status in the Western Mediterranean would be a matter of the closest concern to His Majesty's Government. Mr. Eden continued that in taking note of this communication, the Italian Foreign Minister had assured Mr. Ingram that the Italian Government had not, either before or since the revolution in Spain, engaged in any negotiations with General Franco whereby the status quo in the Western Mediterranean would be altered nor would they engage in any such negotiations in the future.

COMPLETE ACCORD

"This assurance, the Secretary of State added, was subsequently reaffirmed spontaneously to the British Naval Attache in Rome by the Italian Ministry of Marine and the Italian Ambassador in London had on several occasions given to the Secretary of State similar verbal assurances."

Sir Eric Drummond's note then proceeds: "In view of these assurances, His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom assume that so far as Italy is concerned the integrity of the present territories of Spain shall in all circumstances remain intact and unmodified. They would, however, be grateful if your Excellency saw your way formally to confirm the accuracy of this assumption and I have accordingly the honour to enquire whether your Excellency could supply me with such confirmation."

Count Ciano's note after recapitulating the verbal assurances as recalled by Ambassador, reads: "I have consequently no difficulty on behalf of the Royal Italian Government in confirming the accuracy of His Majesty's Government's assumption, namely, that so far as Italy is concerned the integrity of the present territories of Spain shall, in all circumstances, remain intact and unmodified."

FRANCE HIGHLY PLEASED

London: According to news reports reaching London the announcement of the signature in Rome on Saturday of the Italian and British declaration on the Mediterranean has been welcomed in all parts of Europe.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Delbos, to whom the substance of the agreement was communicated yesterday through the British Embassy in Paris, later made a public statement in which he expressed the delight of the French Government and associated it with the effort for "conciliation and peace" embodied in the declaration.—British Wireless Service.

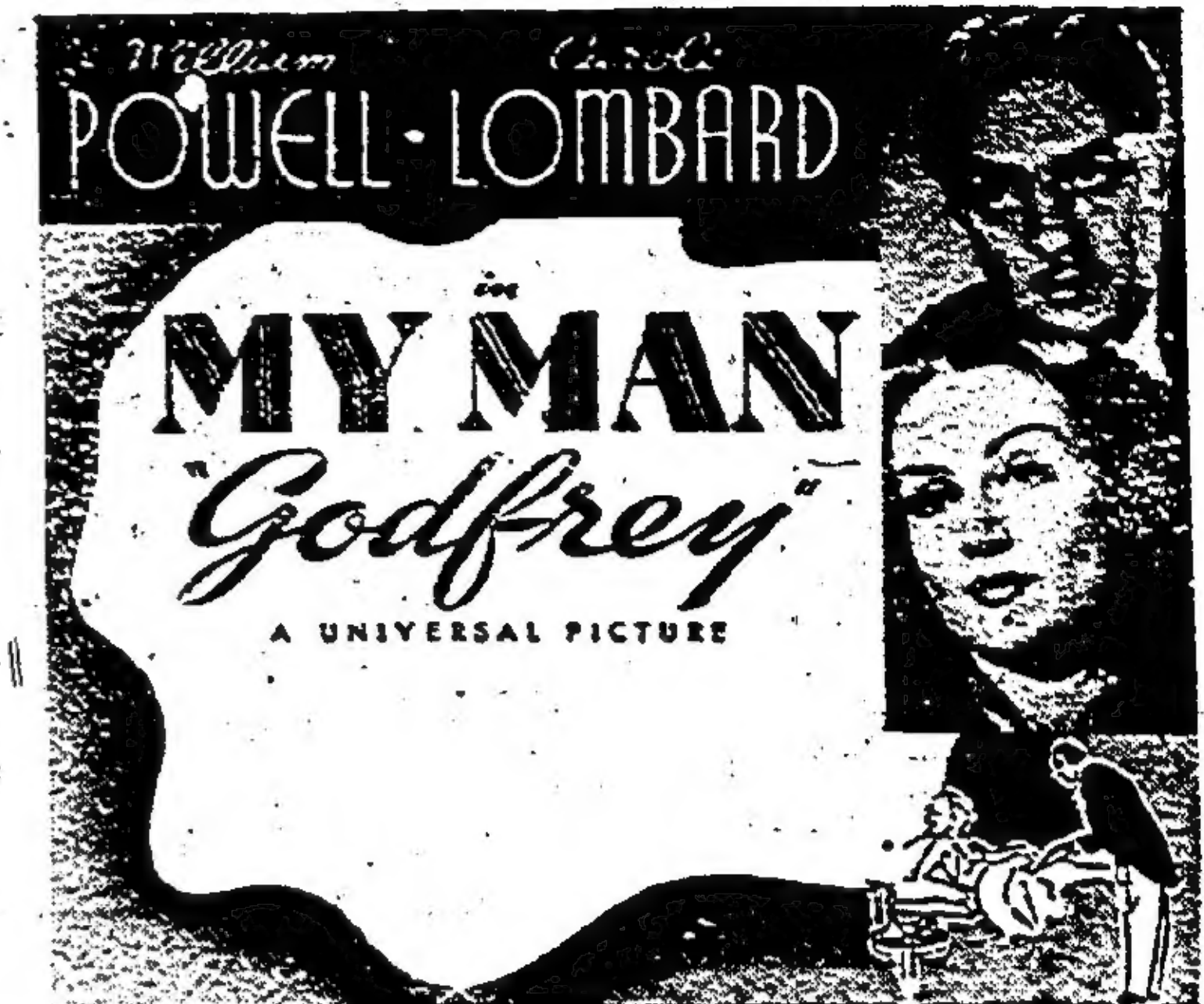
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